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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Assistant Director, OSA

SUBJECT : Stolen Generator

1. Reference is made to our conversation last week wherein you made inquiries relative to a portable generator which was stolen during the recent staging at ______.

2. Advises me that the generator (a portable Onan type) was stolen on or about 25 March. The generator had been placed at the north end of the runway and was used to power the portable strobe lights which presumably assist in the landing of the article. The spot where the generator was located is some one and one-half miles from the Compound at where the article is secured when not being used. Our physical security responsibilities on a staging are limited to the article and any other classified material which is usually stored in or near the hanger.

started an investigation which included inquiries of the various military components, both U. S. and ______ at the base and in the nearby village. As of 6 April when Mr. ______ departed ______, nothing had been developed which would shed any light on the theft. This is not surprising when you consider that something as small as a portable generator (150 lbs.) was left in such a remote area that it was beyond the control and observation of not only the security personnel, the staging personnel and other Americans at ______, but the ______ personnel as well. It is doubtful if the generator will ever be found.

4. If it is decided to replace the generator, it is suggested that it be put into place and retrieved before and after each mission.

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